

RECEIVER OF B. R. T. MEETS MEN TO-DAY

Lindley M. Garrison Agrees to Confer With Union's Executive Committee.

WAGES NOT INVOLVED

Grievance Is Against Rival Brotherhood of Company's Employees.

Following receipt of a demand couched in curt phrases from union officials comprising the executive committee of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit local of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, Lindley M. Garrison, receiver of the B. R. T., agreed to confer with the Amalgamated committee at 10 o'clock this morning.

Before granting a personal meeting Mr. Garrison had demanded that the committee furnish him with specific facts in the matter of which they complain, which involves not a question of wages nor of hours primarily, but what the union committee regard as a menace to the integrity of the Amalgamated association. The executive committee of the B. R. T. local complied with that request. They sent by messenger to the receiver a memorandum of such specific grievances as they cherish and they appended to it what had much the appearance of an ultimatum. The last paragraph of their letter said:

"We insist on a personal interview not later than 10 A. M. Thursday, May 6, 1920, in order to avoid grave consequences."

Following receipt of this message, it was announced in Mr. Garrison's office that he would confer with the men at 10 o'clock. It was explained, however, that the message from the union's representatives was in no sense an ultimatum or a threat, but was quite in line with the course of action previously pursued by the union and the company in their several controversies.

Since last August the committee had conferred frequently with William S. Jordon, general manager of the B. R. T., upon various issues. Relations between the committee and the receiver, it was said in the office of the latter, were the best possible.

Members of the Amalgamated Union have been asserting that the new Co-operative Brotherhood of B. R. T. employees, which has numbered among its promoters and champions many of the older employees of the system who never had been affiliated with the Amalgamated, was being fostered and strengthened with the connivance of the B. R. T. management, with the help of inspectors and other supervising officials, as a potential rival. The committee members of the Amalgamated Association want the company to discipline or discharge some of those men who, they say, have been persistently active in proselytizing for the new association.

Governor Speaks Here Sunday.

Gov. Alfred E. Smith and Dr. George F. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, will be the chief speakers at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Home for Hebrew Infants, at Kingsbridge road and University avenue, The Bronx, Sunday, at 2:30 P. M.

CALL B. R. T. SURFACE STOCK HALF WATER

Estimate Board Members Say Lines Are 'Bled' by Parent Company.

CONEY ROAD AIR, 900 P. C.

Profit of \$760,000 Charged in \$1,000,000 Deal With City in 1914.

A flood of water has been poured into the valuations of the surface lines of the Brooklyn transit system, which, Mayor Hylan says, "has the crushing waters of Niagara beaten to death," according to facts developed yesterday in the Board of Estimate's inquiry into the traction situation. James W. Reed, an engineer for the Board of Estimate, purporting to quote from appraisal figures prepared for the companies themselves, declared that the amount of water in some of the companies amounts to as much as 2,000 per cent.

The appraisal upon which Mr. Reed based his testimony, he said, was made about 1917 by Blon J. Arnold, either for the companies or somebody interested in the companies. Mr. Reed himself brought the appraisals down to June 10, 1919. On that basis he testified to the following conditions:

Brooklyn City Railroad lines—Cost new, less depreciation appraised, at \$495,887; but have outstanding securities amounting to \$10,403,207; or more than 2,000 per cent in excess of present valuation.

Brooklyn, Queens County and Suburban Railway—Present valuation, \$10,459,990; securities outstanding, \$10,474,706; about 100 per cent. water.

Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company—Present valuation, \$4,651,268; outstanding securities, \$9,566,313; water, 100 per cent.

Coney Island and Gravesend Railway—Present value, \$311,117; outstanding securities, \$2,987,000; water, 900 per cent.

Nassau Electric Lines—Present valuation, \$9,016,348; outstanding securities, \$34,556,792; water, 375 per cent.

South Brooklyn Railway—Present value, \$2,322,800; total securities issued, \$1,153,444; water, 60 per cent.

The figures for the South Brooklyn road were taken from an appraisal by Stone & Webster, Mr. Reed said.

The foregoing lines comprise the Brooklyn surface system. Mr. Reed said he found that the cost new, less depreciation of all these lines would be \$45,082,165; and that they have outstanding securities amounting to \$51,746,482, from which he deduced that "water" in all the companies combined is about 100 per cent. in excess of their real present value.

Mr. Loudoun told of the \$728,956 he contended the South Brooklyn Company took from the city in a \$1,000,000 deal. Mr. Loudoun said the city had to put up \$1,000,000 under the terms of the deal subway contract for the construction of the Thirty-eighth street link of the West Side subway in Brooklyn. The entire cost of the company, according to Mr. Loudoun's report of the company's books, was \$261,013, the balance being credited to profit and loss account by a resolution of the Executive Committee of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company February 9, 1914. The title of the property remained with the company and the city merely got an easement.

MAN BENEATH HER BED NO ILLUSION

Nurse Screams and Protesting Youth Is Caught.

GETS \$2,500 VERDICT FOR FALSE ARREST

Raymond D. Halsey, Bookseller, Wins Damage Suit.

Raymond D. Halsey, bookseller, won a verdict of \$2,500 damages yesterday in the Supreme Court against the Society for the Suppression of Vice. This was the second trial of the case, a verdict for \$1,000 having been awarded at the first trial.

John S. Sumner, head of the society, caused the arrest of Halsey for offering for sale in his store the French novel "Monsieur de Mauphin," which was published by Gautier in 1835 and has since been in general circulation. Halsey was acquitted of the charge of selling an obscene book and he then sued the society for false arrest and malicious prosecution, with the above result.

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YOUNG BRIDEGROOM FACES NEW TROUBLE

Philadelphia Woman Believes Joseph Dooley to Be Her Missing Husband.

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